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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: METHOD FOR FORMING FILM, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SUBSTRATE TREATMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

The Office Action mailed September 18, 2008, contained both a Restriction requirement and an Election of Species requirement. In response to the Restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Invention I corresponding to Claims 1-12 and 14-15. In response to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species A and identify Claims 1-9 as readable on elected Species A.

Applicants make these elections based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on Claims

1-9.

Respectfully submitted,

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